

DECLARATION FOR USA PATENT APPLICATION

(including Design and National Stage PCT)

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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on the invention entitled: APPLICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS was filed on 21 June 1999.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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Prior Foreign Application No.

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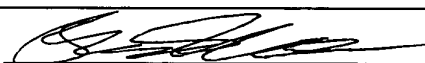


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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS**(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c)) – Small Business Concern**

Docket No.: _____

Applicant or Patentee: **SHERMAN CHING MA**

Application or Patent No.: _____

Filed or Issued: _____

Title: **APPLICATION APPARATUS AND METHOD**

I hereby state that I am an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below:

Name of the Small Business Concern: **LIBERTY FINANCIAL PTY LTD**

Address of Small Business Concern: **LEVEL 23
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I hereby state that the above-identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR Part 121 for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, in that the number of employees of the concern, including the those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons. For purposes of this statement, (1) the number of employees of the business concern is the average over the previous fiscal year of the concern of the persons employed on a full-time, part-time or temporary basis during each of the pay periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns are affiliates of each other when either, directly or indirectly, one concern controls or has the power to control the other, or a third party or parties controls or has the power to control both.

I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.

If the rights held by the above-identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights in the invention must file separate verified statements stating to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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